Conference on Oil Conservation

1485. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national conference on oil conservation in transport sector was held in Delhi on February 10, 1992;

(b) if so, the conclusions arrived at; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The recommendations covered various steps including technological upgradation of vehicles, tyres etc., improvement of roads, use of alternative fuels etc. These recommendations are receiving the attentions of Government.

Implementation of Recommendation of Fourth Pay Commission in Health Department of Delhi Administration

1486. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information regarding implementation of recommendations of Fourth Commission in Health Department of Delhi Administration has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Coconut Plantation in Kerala

1487. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to the Government of Kerala to bring more area under coconut plantation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the area proposed to be brought under coconut plantation during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Under the area expansion programme of the Coconut Development Board, Central assistance of Rs. 30.00 lakhs is being provided to small and marginal coconut farmers of Kerala during the year 1991–92.

(c) It is proposed to bring an additional area of 1000 hectare under coconut plantation in Kerala during the current year.

[*Translation*]

Gas Supply through HBJ Pipeline

1488. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the portion of HBJ pipeline passing through Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the quantity of gas provided to vari-

ous States through this gas pipeline, State-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for such allocation;

(d) whether the Government propose to reschedule this allocation;

(e) the number of gas based projects forwarded by the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) the number of projects approved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 536 Kms.

(b) and (c). Gas has been allocated to projects to be located in different States as given below:

States	*Quantity (MMSCMD)*
Gujarat	2.65
Madhya Pradesh	4.6
Rajasthan	3.8
Uttar Pradesh	17.33
Delhi	2.93
Haryana	2.79

Priority of the end use, economic considerations etc. are amongst the criteria that are normally considered for allocations.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Various requests for gas linkages have been received. In view of the availability and commitments already made, no additional allocation of gas for Madhya Pradesh has been made.

[*English*]

Alleged irregularities in Ivri, Izat Nagar

1489. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint against the Director, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izat Nagar, regarding alleged misutilisation of government funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The charges relate to favouritism and irregularities in the administrative and financial management of the Institute.

(c) C.B.I. has registered a case for investigation.

Amendment to Indian Citizenship Act

1490. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to amend the Indian Citizenship Act;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amendments proposed to be made?